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COLLIERS DROWNED IN FLOODED PIT.
SOME MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 25.
Sixty-five colliers perished in the Redding pit near Falkirk through an influx of water from a disused working above, owing to the collapse of a barrier. Ten miners engaged in an adjoining section miraculously escaped.

LATER.
Rescue brigades rushed to Redding and began pumping out. The rescuers succeeded in reaching the bottom shaft but owing to black damp it was impossible to keep lights burning. Nevertheless they persisted in their efforts to reach the victims though there is little hope that any will survive. Crowds of grief-stricken relatives gathered at the pit head. The disaster occurred at five in the morning. One survivor had a very lucky escape. He was swept off his feet by a catamict of water but managed to reach the shaft. An old man whose son was in the pit telephoned him from the Company's office. The son replied that the water was rising fast having already reached his waist, and that several of his mates were drowned. Shortly afterwards the telephone was interrupted.

POTATO FIELD RESCUE.
LATER.
The death roll at Redding is not so heavy as was feared. Twelve entombed men had a miraculous escape. Cries were heard at noon from an old pit shaft, 35 fathoms deep, half mile from Redding under a potato field and rescue operations resulted in twelve men being brought up alive. Some were unconscious.

STILL FORTY-ONE ENTOMBED.
LATER.
Rescuers at Redding, brought up 31 alive and three dead, leaving 41 entombed.

BRITISH SILK INDUSTRY.
PROTECTIVE DUTIES WANTED.
LONDON, September 26.
The growing demand of certain industries in Britain for protection against cheap foreign competition is exemplified by the evidence of Mr. Farrell, representing the silk industry, to-day before the Board of Trade Committee enquiring into the causes of unemployment in the silk industry. Mr. Farrell attributed the decline of the silk industry in Britain to the removal of the 1862 duty on foreign silk goods. He instructed that the United States was rapidly building up behind a tariff wall a silk industry which now consumed over eighty per cent. of the whole production of raw silk. The British silk industry was at present supplying only twenty per cent. of the silk goods consumed in Britain and half the silk-workers were unemployed.

He asked for the imposition of a 33 1/3 per cent. ad valorem duty on spun silk, yarn and manufactured silks, a 15 per cent. duty on thrown silk and a ten per cent. duty on waste silk drafts while raw silk, waste silk and artificial silk yarn should be imported free.

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.
LEAGUE DEBATE SURPRISE.
GENEVA, September 25.
Much surprise and considerable comment among the delegates to the League Assembly was caused by the manner of winding up the debate on a Canadian resolution interpretative of article ten of the covenant proposing that when the Council recommends military measures in order to preserve the territorial integrity of members against aggression it shall take special account of the geographical and other conditions of each state and each member shall be allowed to judge the extent to which the employment of his military forces should be involved. The vote resulted in 29 countries favouring the proposal. One, namely Persia, opposed it and 13 abstained from voting. The President thereupon declared that the resolution had been neither adopted nor rejected but would be referred to the Council.

BALLOON RACE.
BRUSSELS, September 25.
The Swiss balloon "Helvetia" landed on the Schleswig frontier, the French "Picardie" in Osnabrueck, and the Belgian "Belgica" in Cerebro in Sweden.

BELGIUM WINS CUP.
BRUSSELS, September 25.
Belgium is assured of becoming the winner of the Gordon-Bennett Balloon Cup by the feat of the aeronaut Dumuyter who landed in Sweden, covering 1,150 kilometres. There is no news of the Belgian balloon "Prince Leopold." The pilot of the British balloon "Banshee" encountered a raging snowstorm at 6,300 feet.

RUHR FIGHT DROPPED.
NOT WORTH THE CANDLE.
GERMAN PREMIERS' DECISION.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, September 25.
It is officially announced that the heads of the States have unanimously agreed to end passive resistance in the Ruhr but at the same time to safeguard unity.

LATER.
The Premiers of the States came to this conclusion owing to inner political and financial reasons and decided that the unity of the Reich must be maintained and defended against any attempt to destroy it. The Government of the Reich has circulated a telegram to the effect that in the event of internal disorders all authorities and officials of the Reich must strictly obey the orders of the Government of the Reich. The President will in such an event issue the necessary emergency regulations.

FINANCE DECIDING FACTOR.
LATER.
The clinching argument which convinced the State Premiers of the futility of continuing the Ruhr fight was the Chancellor's revelation that this would cost at least eight thousand milliard marks in the coming week and that this drain on the national finances caused the collapse of the mark. The ultra-Nationalists were furious but neither they nor the Communists were able to carry out a coup d'etat.

PARIS NOT PERTURBED.
LONDON, September 25.
The news of the German decision has been received with calm satisfaction in Paris, but there is no tendency to premature jubilation as proof of Germany's sincerity is required before French military measures can be relaxed.

The German decision is greeted with much satisfaction in Brussels, while Washington official circles consider the European situation presents a more hopeful appearance.

JANINA MASSACRE.
GREECE GUILTY.
PARIS, September 25.
The Ambassadors Conference considered the inter-Allied Commission's report of the Janina massacre semi-officially. It is stated that the commission reported the Greek authorities guilty of a certain degree of negligence before and after the crime. The Italian ambassador at the conference, supported by M. Jules Cambon, demanded the payment of 50,000,000 lire before the evacuation of Corfu on September 27. Lord Crewe preferred to await the result of the complete enquiry and the conference adjourned until to-morrow to enable Lord Crewe to obtain instructions from London.

INDIA'S COTTON WORKERS.
IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS URGED.
SIMLA, September 25.
The report has been published of the expert, Mr. Maloney, who officially investigated the atmospheric conditions of cotton mills with a view to effecting amelioration without serious detriment to the industry. The report points out that the physique of the average operative is much lower than the workers of similar castes and the wage-earning capacity in other trades. Mr. Maloney suggests a reduction of temperatures by more effective ventilation roof spraying, the prohibition of the use of idle steam and increased velocity of air in the weaving department.

BULGARIAN BOBBERY.
COMMUNISTS KEPT IN CHECK.
SOFIA, September 25.
It is announced that parties of Communists numbering from forty to four hundred on September 25 attempted to cause trouble in various localities and proclaim a Soviet republic but the troops everywhere remained masters of the situation. The Communists suffered heavy losses while the casualties of the troops were light.

GETTING IN FIRST.
EARTHQUAKE FILM RACE.
NEW YORK, September 25.
Cinema concerns are engaging in an aeroplane race across America in an effort to be here first with the Japanese earthquake films. It is understood that one flyer started from Seattle and another from San Francisco. The former is reported to have reached Great Falls, Montana, where he transhipped his cargo to a flyer who undertook to deliver it in Chicago to-day.

EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS.
JAPAN SPENDING YEN 400,000,000.
TOKYO, September 25.
An Imperial Ordinance announces the immediate appropriation of a hundred million yen to relieve homeless sufferers from the earthquake. The Privy Council has decided that three hundred million yen be spent on the purchase of supplies and road.

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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****Why Petrol is Cheap.**

The fall in the price of petrol to
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addition to proving a windfall for
motorists, should, a *Morning Post*
representative was informed, contribute
to a reduction in the cost of
living, as so many commodities are
now transported by road. As stated in
the *Morning Post* the price for
No. 1 grade petrol is now 1s. 8d. per
gallon, and for No. 3 grade is 1s.
6d., while 1d. a gallon has been
taken off paraffin. These "cuts" are
a reflection of the reduction in
oil prices which has been taking
place in the United States. For
some little time there has been over-
production of oil on the American
continent, and that has had the
ordinary effect on prices.

Dean Inge, Prophet.

"In accordance with time-honoured
custom, the University of
Edinburgh took the opportunity at
the graduation ceremony of confer-
ring honorary degrees upon a
number of distinguished men and
women," says the *Scotsman*. "The
guests of the University were enter-
tained to dinner in the Library
Hall, when Sir Alfred Ewing pre-
sided. In proposing the toast of
"The Honorary Graduates," the
Principal made felicitous references
to those who were to receive hono-
rary degrees. "In a few words he
gracefully characterised each. It
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Mikado's summer palace at Nikko,
says the *Times Trade Supplement*.
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begins was the home, centuries ago,
of an impoverished nobleman.
"One day the reigning Emperor
summoned the nobility of the country
to Nikko, an invitation that was
tantamount to a demand for a present.
The nobleman, although
lacking gold and silver, had a fertile
and far-seeing mind. Taking a bag
of tree seeds, he set out on his
journey to the palace, planting the
seeds on each side of the road as he
went. Succeeded at last for his
meanness when, tending his
homage, he ventured to say that his
gift would prove to be the most
valuable the Throne had received
that day and that his name would
live to be blessed by many a future
generation. "To-day these trees
afford grateful shade to millions
of travellers yearly while the coun-
try on each side of the road is well
wooded with trees grown from seeds
produced from this mighty avenue
of cedars. Further, the great
majority of the houses in the neigh-
bourhood are built of timber that

owes its origin to this medieval
tree-lover."

**What the Future Holds for
Germany.**

When one is asked whether Ger-
many has changed, says A. W.
Vernon, in the *Century Magazine*,
the reply is difficult. "The institu-
tions have changed, but it is difficult
to say whether the German people
have changed or not. They are
scarcely a people any more save as
the scene of the world wars them-
selves. They are thoroughly dis-
tinguished. It is not that Bavaria is
suspicious of Prussia or that Bremen
and Hamburg are proud of
independence. It is not geography,
but economics, which divides the
people. In the present Government
there are but few men of
education and driving power: it
represents, however, the heart of
the German people striving to be
free of unattractive ambitions. The
heart of the German is essentially
childlike. It is not immersed in the
world; it has never led the world in
culture, as France has, or as Italy
or as England: it is essentially a
democratic, unspoiled, energetic,
comfort-loving, easy-going people
over whom a veneer of imperialism
and militarism has been spread.
Now it is humiliated; it has lost its
place in the family of nations. It
knows that it was stupidly led to
destruction; it believes that it was
guilty of the blood of mankind, but
not much more so than the sur-
rounding nations, hostile to it and
envious of it. Will it seek to
revenge itself upon the nations
which now hold it in the mire or
will it, forgetful of the past, press
on toward the high mark of the
calling which some men in the pre-
sent Government believe to be a
holy calling? That is the question
which now trembles in the balance.
There is hope in the surdness of
the people, in the essential simpli-
city of the nation that lives much
on the public street and eyes in the
open air, in its sense of the futility
and arrogance of a military aristoc-
racy, in the deep convictions of a
few leaders in the present move-
ment that they are summoned to
further democracy in the world.

Careers and Matrimony.

There used to be a prejudice
against careers for women, because
it was supposed that a woman who
had brains and used them would
never marry. Thinking was said to
produce wrinkles in the forehead as
surely as drinking produces pink-
ness of the nose. And mothers who
were considered intelligent taught
their daughters that no nice young
man would ever look twice at a girl
with wrinkles. Nothing more seri-
ous than simple common sense could
be necessary to write R. B. Ince
in the *Evening Standard*. The world
takes a different view of the matter.
To-day, does a career prejudice a
girl's chances of finding a suitable
husband? The problem stated in
that way is too vague. One must
be introduced to the girl before
coming to a decision. If the pursuit
of a career, irrespective of the pro-

blem of bread and butter, is likely
to add to a girl's happiness, it will
automatically increase her chances
of marriage, for, although men are
supposed always to fall in love with
a pretty face, they do sometimes
keep their weather eye open for a
happy one. To live with a person of
a happy temperament is better
than a tonic—and a much nicer
medicine to take. No nice girl
enters a profession solely with a
view to marriage. On the other
hand, she can hardly be blamed if
she weighs the pros and cons. The
average of marriages is said to be
highest in the nursing profession.
This may be an additional plum for
the girl with a taste for nursing.
But if she hasn't the requisite taste
it is a plum she will do well to
neglect.

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silly.

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glows.

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chilly.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,

R. COCK,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on TUESDAY, the 2nd of October, 1923, at 11 A.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

By Order,

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY, 8th October 1923 commencing 3.15 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, October 5th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, September 24, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that ENTRIES for the FOURTH GYMKHANA to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

RATTAN GOODS.

THE two undermentioned guilds beg to announce that the prices hitherto charged have remained the same for years. Owing to the increased cost of living all manufacturers, stores and workmen are reluctantly compelled to raise their prices. At a meeting of employers and employees it was unanimously agreed that prices of goods be increased by ten per cent. and that workmen's wages be raised by seventeen per cent. This was ratified by the delegates appointed to the meeting.

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.
Mercantile Bank of India.
International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Yokohama Specie Bank.
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary.

HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Northern Ireland Government has made a grant of £250,000 towards the Belfast housing scheme.

Four men and one woman have been killed as the result of the fall of a seaplane in the Santa Rosa Sound, Florida.

Large quantities of linen and clothing have been stolen from the villa of M. Paul Bourget, the novelist, at Costebelle, near Hyeres.

The Health Ministry in reply to a complaint from Malden and Combe (Surrey) Urban District Council, denies discouraging the provision of parlour houses.

The International Maritime Committee is discussing at its conference at Gothenburg, Sweden, a scheme of general insurance of ocean passengers to be arranged internationally.

In a 15-rounds boxing contest at the Ring, Blackheath, S.E., Frankie Burns (Australia) beat Fred Archer (St. George's) on points.

Though fully dressed and wearing heavy sea-boots, Theodore Handt, a young German seaman, jumped into the River Wear at Sunderland, swam 100 yards and rescued a boy from drowning.

At Bristol, Walter P. Carratt, local secretary of the National Society of Copper-Smiths, Braziers, and Metal Workers, was remanded on a charge of stealing £364 of the union's funds.

The 1921 Census return for Staffordshire, one of the county series, shows that males in the county increased by 25,661 and females by 43,567, compared with the 1911 figures.

The Foreign Office states that British subjects travelling between Germany and Danzig or between Germany and Eastern Prussia are advised that a Polish transit visa is necessary for crossing the Polish corridor.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Minister for Air, returned to England from Sweden, where he has been representing the Government at the Gothenburg Exhibition.

The French despatch vessels "Sommers" and "Mousses" and the destroyer "Gladiateur" will arrive at Portsmouth on a four-days' visit. They will be given a civic reception.

A large stone coming from the cliff top near Eiley Brigg, Yorkshire, struck and killed William John Beattie, 9, of Stockport, while he was sailing his toy yacht in a pool.

At Hove, William Chapman, an omnibus conductor, was bound over and ordered to pay £1 costs for stealing by finding a 10s. note which a passenger dropped in the omnibus.

It is announced that the military governors of the Chinese province of Chekiang and Kiangsu will conclude an agreement to maintain peace between the two provinces and to take mutual measures to prevent the entry into these provinces of outside armies.

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Butcher Meat.

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Beef Strickland—Mau Lung Pa ... lb.	30	24	12
" Prime Cut ... lb.	30	24	12
" Corned—Hau Ngau Yau ... lb.	30	24	12
" Roast—Shiu ... lb.	30	24	12
" Breast—Nga Nam ... lb.	30	24	12
" Soup—Tong Fat ... lb.	30	24	12
" Steak—Nga Yau Fat ... lb.	30	24	12
" Steak Strickland—Nga Lau ... lb.	30	24	12
" Sausages—Nga Cheong ... lb.	30	24	12
Sallock's Brains—Nga No per set	12	10	5
Tongue, fresh—Nga Li each 6	30	24	12
Tongue, corned—Hau Ngau Li each 1.00	30	24	12
Head—Nga Tau ... each 1.00	30	24	12
Heart—Nga Sam ... lb.	16	13	6
Hump, Salt—Nga Kiu ... lb.	20	16	8
Foot—Nga Kiu ... each 12	10	8	4
Kidney—Nga Yiu ... lb.	12	10	5
" Nga Mei ... lb.	22	18	9
Liver—Nga Kun ... lb.	16	13	6
Tripe (unwashed)—Nga To lb. 8	30	24	12
Olives' Head and Feet—Nga-tai-tau-kank ... set	\$1.20	1.00	.50
Mutton Chop—Yung Fat Kwai ... lb.	38	26	13
" Leg—Yung Fat ... lb.	38	26	13
" Shoulder—Yung Shan ... lb.	38	26	13
" Saddle—Yung On Yau ... lb.	33	25	12
Pig's Chittlings—Chu Cheong ... lb.	35	25	12
" Brains—Chu No ... per set 3	12	10	5
" Foot—Chu Kank ... lb.	18	15	7
" Fry—Chu Chap ... lb.	37	25	12
" Head—Chu Tau ... lb.	24	20	10
" Heart—Chu Sam ... each 16	10	8	4
" Kidney—Chu Yiu ... each 12	10	8	4
" Liver—Chu Kiu ... lb.	38	26	13
" Pork Chop—Chu Fat Kwai ... lb.	36	25	12
" Leg—Chu Fat ... lb.	32	22	11
" Loin—Chu Han Tau ... lb.	16	13	6
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau ... lb.	32	21	10
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yung Fat Kwai ... set	75	60	30
" Heart—Yung Sam ... each 10	4	3	1
" Kidney—Yung Yin ... each 12	10	8	4
" Liver—Yung Kun ... lb.	36	24	12
Stuffed Pig's, to order—Chu Tai ... lb.	25	20	10
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau ... lb.	20	16	8
" Mutton—Shang Yung Yau ... lb.	40	26	13
Veal—Nga Tai Yau ... lb.	34	20	10
Sausages—Nga Tai Cheong ... lb.	36	24	12
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26, 1923.

CHINESE DIPLOMACY.

In ways that are dark in diplomacy the Chinese Government is apparently well able to hold its own with European and other Governments. We are not suggesting that the Chinese reply to the Note recently sent it by the Diplomatic Body in the matter of the Linchong outrage is either evasive, untruthful, or seeks to beg any of the important questions raised. It is couched in serene and courteous language, as would be expected from such courteous people as the Chinese are known to be, and has about it the suggestion of lace ruffles of another age. As replies go, it is an almost convincing document, so convincing that the question of reform as desired by the Diplomatic Body seems to be as far off as ever. It is difficult to relate the Chinese Government's contention that the Linchong outrage was in any sense an anti-foreign demonstration. Foreigners certainly were captured, suffered indignities and hardship with distressful results. This in itself might be construed into an act of anti-foreignism, but had these same foreigners been let go unhindered and only Chinese passengers on the railway retained in custody, such a feeling might easily have been dissipated. But a bandit leader is presumably a man of some intelligence and it seems easy to assume that in "inviting" foreigners to a little enforced "hospitality" he was in no uncertain way enforcing his claims, if such they were, on the attention of those in office in Peking and making their position as entirely embarrassing one from every point of view. This is demonstrated by the intervention of the Diplomatic Body, the strong Note it caused to be made to the Chinese Government and the reply which is the matter under consideration. But Foreign opinion, will we imagine, want something

more than courteous expressions of opinion and good-will, be they couched in ever such pleasant language. If the Note has impressed the Chinese Government with the sense of its added importance by reason of the fact that it is signed by the Chiefs of the Diplomatic Body, including those Powers whose nationals were happily not found among the victims, something more than these pious opinions will be necessary to prove to the outside world that the Government is really impressed. It is apparently to be another matter of "Wait and See." The Government indeed "find it difficult to give concurrence to the guarantees for the future." This, at least is an honest statement. To have given such a promise in the present state of affairs in China would have been hypocritical, to say the least. We can only hope for the best, including the success of such movements as Sir Robert Ho Tung's Round Table Conference. All well-wishers of China will hope for her speedy release from all her troubles. It is a tremendous task in the present state of feeling which exists amongst warring Chinese in different parts of the Empire. "A thousand prescriptions are more readily forthcoming than a single cure" is one of the many true things said by a Chinese philosopher. The single cure in the case of China seems to be—Unity.

Insurance Losses in Japan.

Nothing definite is yet known here of the losses suffered by insurance companies as a result of the earthquake and fires in Tokyo and Yokohama. From reports to hand, however, it is possible to venture a conjecture. The companies involved in Tokyo alone number about 40, and the sum insured is Yen 3,200,000,000. The Nippon Fire Co. heads the list with Yen 1,328,000,000 or more, the Tokyo Fire Co. is next with approximately Yen 851,600,000. If we add the commitments of other companies, at an extremely moderate estimate, we can place the total at nearly Yen 5,000,000,000. On the other hand, the aggregate of authorised capital is put at Yen 200,000,000 with Yen 100,000,000 in reserve. The Japan Chronicle estimates that taking into account the amount

insured for between the Japanese and foreign insurance companies, ten times as much as the funds at the Japanese disposal is needed. Under the policies, it is said, losses due to natural disasters are not insured against, but with the exception set by the American companies at the time of the disaster at San Francisco in 1906, when payments though not in full, were made, by order of the Courts, they will not stick to a theoretical interpretation of the clause. Another great loss involved in the buildings demolished. The Tokyo Marine and other concerns have constructed large buildings for letting purposes, at great expense, so much of their capital has been swept away, with no hope of compensation. Besides, the premiums must be refunded for the remaining period after the destruction. To make matters worse, Japanese fire insurance business has been carried on with a view to mutual assistance against great losses, with manifold reinsurance. Thus the disaster does not mean simply a local paralysis of the insurance industry, but a country-wide blow.

Arts and Crafts.

An Ocean liner is the last place one would have turned to for that encouragement of the arts and crafts which the authorities agree they sadly need. Luxurious restaurants, palm courts, elaborate gymnasiums, the latest improvements in swimming tanks—these are the things we are accustomed to hear of as the signs of progress in transatlantic travelling. Libraries have long been a concession as quiet retreats for letter-writing or peaceful lounging on wet days. But it has been left to a German steamship company to introduce an exhibition of arts and crafts as a pleasant amusement for the voyage, and a sale of the exhibits as a practical diversion. And why not? It may seem extraordinary at first. But surely, it is as reasonable to pass the time and escape boredom in looking at beautiful things as in playing bridge, or wise to invest in the work of an artist as in the curious medley of odds and ends for sale in the barber shop. In this case, the very novel departure was made not so much out of benevolence to the passengers as in consideration for the exhibitors, since it is said that, in Germany, just now, the difficulty is less to find artists and craftsmen than for artists and craftsmen to find commissions. But whatever the cause of the experiment, much can be said for it. It seems that the exhibits are changed from time to time, even during the few days of the crossing, so that the visit to the exhibition can be repeated with renewed interest, and a new and useful occupation, as well as pleasant diversion, provided. Thus art will become a part of the daily programme on shipboard. It is this getting used to art, no matter where, as intimately associated with daily life, and not a thing apart, for special occasions, which is important if the arts and crafts are to receive the right sort of recognition and encouragement. The public too often has an idea that to see pictures it must go to a picture gallery, and that the arts and crafts, of which it hears much, mean really the litter it associates with an artist's studio. Anything that can help to knock this thought out of the public's head is to the good. A steamship nowadays is supposed to supply at sea the comforts and luxuries people are accustomed to on land, and to present art as one of these comforts or luxuries, and not merely as an accessory of gilded splendour and indifferent decoration, may in the end have its influence. But too much must not be hoped for all at once. We are told that on the first voyage when the experiment was made, passengers invested in the exhibits to the sum of \$500. But how much did they make—or lose—over the daily pool or at the bridge table? This the statistics do not tell, though if we knew, we could measure the success of the experiment more accurately. Also, on another voyage, the novelty may have worn off. As a rule, art proves a poor rival to bridge and betting. But at least, here is a new departure worth noting.

Today's Poem.

(Books.)
One room I'll have that's full of shelves
For nothing but books; and the books themselves
Shall be of the sort that a man will choose
If he loves that good old word,
"PERUSE."
The kind of book that you open by chance
To browse on the page with a leisurely glance,
Certain of finding something new,
Although you have read it ten times through.
I don't mean books like Punch series,
Or all the volumes of Notes and Queries;
But those wherein, without any of your eyes
I'll where the favourite passage lies.

Knowing this page and exact position—
It's never the same in another edition—
The Vicar of Wakefield, and Eccleline,
Ella, The Begonia, Emma, Catriona,
Fuller and Malory, Westward Ho,
And the wonderful story of Daniel Defoe,
And Izaak Walton, and Gilbert White,
And plays and poetry left and right!
F. SUDGICK.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 26.—Crown Theatre: Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."
September 26.—Star Theatre: Frank Mayo in "The First Degree."
September 26.—World Theatre: Florence Vidor in "Aile Adonis."
September 26.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Secrets," 9.15 p.m.
September 27.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Naughty Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 28.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.
September 29.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.
October 1.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Dippers," 9.15 p.m.
October 2.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Laughing Lady," 9.15 p.m.
SPORT.
September 29.—Hongkong Polo Club: Keswick Cup—Shanghai v. Hongkong—at Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.
October 6.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.
AUCTIONS.
October 1.—Lammert Bros. at "The Falls," No. 82, The Peak, 11 a.m.
October 2.—Lammert Bros. at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road, 11 a.m.
October 4.—Lammert Bros. at the premises of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd., (Shaukiun Road) the complete foundry plant, 10.30 a.m.
LAND SALE.
October 1.—P.W.D. Offices, sales of Crown land, 3 p.m.
MEETINGS.
September 28.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 5.45 p.m.
October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.
October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sales of Crown Land in Kowloon and Hongkong are advertised to take place on Monday, October 1.

The Admiral Oriental Liner "President Jackson," which is due here on October 2, arrived at Kobe on September 23.

Invitations are out for the opening of the local branch of the Ho Hong Bank Ltd. of Singapore, on Monday, October 1.

Mr. Lawrence Teo informs the China Mail that he has received a cable from his friend On Wu Lien Teh from Singapore, saying "Arriving Soudan."

Mr. Chock Man-ju will probably be the Chief of the Aviation Bureau at Canton in succession to the late Mr. Yang Sin-yat, who was killed in the explosion on the East River on the 20th. inst.

Six Chinese died from small pox last week, one from plague, one from diphtheria and one from cerebro-spinal fever. Of these cases of enteric one was Indian, one Chinese and one Portuguese.

The office of the Mexican Consulate in Hongkong is again filled, the newly appointed Consul being Senor G. R. Dominguez. He arrived on Thursday last. Senor Dominguez, who is residing at the Carlton Hotel, comes to Hongkong from San Francisco, where he had been Consul for about 18 months. His family are on their way to join him.

The Admiral Oriental Liner is in receipt of the following instructions: "Yokohama. You may book passengers on legitimate business travelling that no train accommodations are available Yokohama. Cargo mails to be booked Yokohama and Kobe discharge to be at ship's option." The Admiral Oriental Liner Office in Yokohama is temporarily with the American Consulate.

CHARIVARIA.

SATURDAY TO MONDAY FEELING.

If local criticisms are anything to go by, it should be not so much Lawn Bowls as Lawn Bowls.

Private Sydney Taberner Smith was found not guilty at the last Courts Martial on the charge of assaulting Lance Corporal Burden. The Burden of proof was found not to be striking.

Private William Pye was found guilty of attempting to desert, etc. Doubtless he will have to eat humble pie.

Which reminds us that pie is masculine, (art feminine).

It marriage is a lottery, the Mormons must be ticket speculators.

Charlie Chaplin's matrimonial engagement is off. The answer was in the negative.

A fashion note says that skirts will not be worn longer. On the other hand married men's suits will be worn much longer.

Women who wear sun-burn stockings may expect to receive socks in return.

A clergyman at home has been selling ice cream from a barrow for Church funds. A Sunday affair evidently.

France should not be blamed. She has done her best.

With reference to the criticisms aimed at America's Ellis Island, a suggestion is made to add the letter H and delete the letter I making it Hell's Island.

A woman doesn't want something to think about. She wants something to think over.

The Unknown Soldier has his monument. The Unknown Profiteer has his laugh.

Women marry and are forgiven; men marry and are forgotten.

Woman is the sweetest present that God has given to man says a French Philosopher. And the dearest!

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns—and turns—and turns!

The funniest thing about a girl is her sense of humour.

Looking down on others makes people stiff-necked.

Stolen kisses are symptomatic.

Hens are said to be laying eggs for all they are worth.

A girl who is a "perfect peach" very often has a heart of stone.

Definitions:—
Atheist:—One who is not half so atheistic as he says he is.
Christian:—One who is not half so Christian as he tries to look.

One only meets five geniuses in one's lifetime. Will the other four kindly communicate with us?

"Will shot to kill" says a headline in a morning contemporary. G!

Everybody should learn to drive a car we are told. We hope kept motorists will bear this in mind.

The Prince of Wales claims to have travelled widely in the "storia East." And imbibed many cock-tails probably.

Inspector Spear and Sergeant Snare were prominent in the latest arms seizure. One Snare's "em and the other Spear's "em evidently.

The police on arms search duty wear blue overalls. This is the feeling that culprits have when discovered.

Golf should appeal to orators. You have to address the ball so much.

Sir Hall Caine says he owes a great deal to his lifelong habit of reading in bed. It is a place where you can readily turn over.

Today's Pulsating Thought:—One woman's bias is another woman's scandal.

The Hongkong Ladies' Benevolent Society appeal to the public for assistance. The funds of the Society have been seriously depleted owing to the number of repatriations and other relief work having been greatly in excess of previous years. Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Elliott, 137A, The Peak.

VOTING CONTEST.

COLONY'S URGENT NEEDS.

RESULT OF INTERESTING COMPETITION.

Just how popular was last week's competition in which China Mail readers were asked to vote for the Colony's most pressing needs, may be gauged from the fact that the judges were literally swamped with coupons—a gratifying sign of the healthy interest the public takes in affairs concerning the common weal. After a tedious count followed by a careful check, the judges being rewarded by a scrutiny of expressions of opinion by practically all classes of the community, the winner is:

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The nine next-best coupons in order of merit were sent in by:

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Mr. C. L. Chung, 24, Ice House Street,

Mr. F. X. da Silva, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,

Lucia Ralner, 5, Fatoe de Penha, Macao,

Pte. R. McKeown, King's Regiment,

Mr. D. F. Lopes, Standard Oil Co.,

Miss Emily Landolt, 11B, Orient Buildings, Kowloon,

Mr. A. E. da Silva, 17, Shameen,

Miss A. da Luz, 4, Ningpo Street, Kowloon.

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- 7 Constitutional Reform
- 8 Harbour Development
- 9 Bathing Beaches
- 10 New City Hall

SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

A significant fact about the contest was that competitors of all denominations voted for Housing Scheme, a sign that most people have felt the pinch of the acute shortage of houses. That only ordinary importance is attached to the possibilities of a Rents Board is evident from the position it occupies, in comparison with Housing Scheme. The recent agitation for more police and adequate apparatus for life-saving in typhoons has had its effect. Kowloon residents invariably insisted on larger ferries and a harbour bridge while local residents voiced their demand for water. A member of the H.K.P. placed the Bigger Police Force first in his list; a gallant soldier gave pride of place to Military Lands; a Kowloon lady attached the greatest importance to a Harbour Tunnel while a noted swimmer's prime consideration was Bathing Beaches.

COMPETITORS NOTE!

A curious feature of the voting was that a good many readers who included Housing Scheme generally put Rents Board immediately after it.

Some competitors used *nomme de plume*, or gave different addresses. There is no necessity to do this as readers can send in as many coupons as they wish.

Others who sent in more than one had identical lists. This may have been done with the intention of backing up one's choice but most voters will see at once the futility of this as a few more will make no material difference. It would pay to vary the selections.

Others may have been influenced by the thought that if the prize had to be divided, they might rank for more shares in ratio to their number of coupons. Most mathematicians will tell you that the possibility of two or more readers having the same winning list, is extremely remote.

Competitors must bear in mind that the secret of the contest is not merely to guess the items which will be placed by the total general vote but to set down the positions to which they will be assigned. A few still write their choice out alphabetically, i.e., in the order of their full list. This is entirely at variance with the spirit of the competition and means inclusion in the non-winners' pile.

THE RUNNING.

At the outset Housing Scheme, Rents Board and Water Supply established a lead which they

A WINNER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"SLUSH AND MUD."

HAPPY VALLEY COURSE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I would like to thank "Argus" for the publicity he has given to the difficulties at the race-course.

The P.V.D. have acted with commendable promptitude, which only goes to show had they been approached before the course might now be in a normal state. Even now if we get another heavy shower I am afraid the chances for a Gymkhana on the 6th and 8th prox. are small indeed.

Thanking you for this insertion and enclosing my card.

Yours, etc., SPORT.

Hongkong, September 26.

THE COLONY'S TREES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Regarding the Colony's trees can you or any of your readers explain the psychology of a department which, while planting thousands of trees, allows, at the same time and in the same locality, perfect liberty to the people to cut down mature trees faster than the new ones are planted?

At present, certainly these woodcutters are only working in unorganised groups of four or five and of course their progress is slow, only an aggregate of a few square miles or so being cleared so far, but when they become better organized we should soon see the east end of this island revert to its pristine barren state of fifty years ago.

One might suggest, however, that conspicuous notices in Chinese bespeaking instructing the woodcutters to the benefit and increased expenditure of using saws instead of choppers, also of the waste involved in leaving stumps three or four feet high. If this latter is due to stooping strain on their back muscles wooden stools might be supplied free. These notices might also embody instructions to the effect that the wholesale ringbarking of trees, to qualify them for future attention, is not necessary as there is no objection to the felling of perfectly fine ones.

Yours, etc., "ARBOR."

Hongkong, September 26.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London, September 24.—The following matches in the first division of the Scottish League were played yesterday:
Aberdeen 1 Queen's Park 1
Celtic 3 Morton 0
Rangers 2 Clyde 1
Third Lanark 2 Partick Thistle 1
—Reuter.

decried destined to keep: Bigger Police Force was about tenth but as the votes came in it gradually overhauled the other needs till it finished up only a few votes behind Housing Scheme. Water Supply stuck to third place by passing Rents Board, the latter dwindling down to fifth place behind Typhoon Life Saving Gear. There is a big gap between third and fourth. It was thought that Constitutional Reform would finish in the first five but votes were not maintained and it was assigned to seventh place. A few votes ahead of Harbour Development but a long way behind Larger Ferries. There is never seemed any doubt as to the inclusion of Bathing Beaches and New City Hall as the others were at respectable distances further back. Military Lands and Stadium tied with the same number of votes for thirteenth place behind Municipal Playgrounds and Modern Theatre. Harbour Tunnel polled decidedly the fewest votes.

WATER POLO.

HONGKONG LEAGUE WON BY V.R.C.

(By Argus.)

In the V.R.C. swimming pool last night, the deciding game in the Hongkong Water Polo League was played. The teams were the V.R.C. (A) and the R.G.A. After a game, in which a certain section of the spectators took far more than their share, the Club team proved victorious by 5-3.

Within 30 seconds from the start, Brodie scored for the Club. Wood retaliated with two shots in quick succession, one of which missed by inches, the other hitting the post. After Busschaert had put one over the top, he found the net, making the Club 2-0. When the game had been in progress 20 min., 55 secs., a shot from Busschaert was fired into the net by Hitchins (3-0). Busschaert scored a fourth 28 seconds later. A long shot by J. Witchell was well stopped by Kyte. Play then centred round the V.R.C. goal and McDade scored from a corner throw at 5 min. 50 sec. From now until half-time the R.G.A. had the better of the argument, but rough play became the order of the evening and accurate passing was at a discount. The interval arrived with the score 4-1 in favour of the V.R.C.

Early in the "second half," McDade, whose shirt had been torn in the first half, had it nearly pulled off him and had to leave the bath to get a fresh suit. A penalty against J. Witchell resulted in Reddick scoring for the winners (4-2), when the second half had been in progress 3 min. 18 sec. Twenty-two seconds later a capital long shot by McDade made the score (4-3). After Kyte had saved a warm shot from Busschaert, play was even for some time. Eventually Busschaert again found the net, making the score (5-3) in favour of the V.R.C.

The teams:— V.R.C.—T. Knight (goal); J. H. Hitchins, J. Watson (backs); R. C. Witchell (half-back); J. Stewart, A. L. Brodie, A. Busschaert (forwards).

R.G.A.—Sgt. Kyte (goal); G. R. Hitchins, G. R. Lelliot (backs); L. Br. Wood (half-back); G. R. Reddick, G. R. McDade; G. R. Harris (forwards).

Referee: Mr. T. Meek. SOME STRAIGHT TALK.

The match was a disappointment in every way from a spectacular and sporting view. As regards the players, the blame must be evenly divided in respect of rough play. The fact that McDade and Reddick each had his costume practically torn off his back might be taken to signify that the V.R.C. were the worst offenders but, other things being equal, that does not necessarily follow.

The worst aspect of the display was the unsportsmanlike action of a section of the crowd in hurling insults and threats at the referee, Mr. Tom Meek. In the hopes of pouring oil on the troubled waters, it may be well to look into the probable cause and effect.

The game was advertised to start at 9 p.m. but it was 9.45 before a commencement was made. A large crowd of spectators had assembled before 8.45 and indications were that things would probably be unpleasant.

Unbrage was taken because the V.R.C. had included A. L. Brodie, the crack Shanghai swimmer and water polo player, in the team. Mr. Brodie, I understand, has been a visiting or honorary member of the V.R.C. since 1921 and, when once the R.G.A. team's captain had consented to his inclusion, the regimental supporters should have accepted the decision. This they refused to do and continual shouts of "Shanghai" were heard during the game.

The long delay before the match, due to the late arrival of the V.R.C. captain, added fuel to the flames and the R.G.A. were advised to claim the match.

Another grievance was the selection of Mr. Tom Meek to handle the whistle. It was pointed out that Mr. Meek had not been appointed an official referee and as both Messrs. G. T. May and D. Clow were present, one of them should have been chosen.

Here again, since the rival captains had agreed upon the referee, the spectators should have accepted the decision in good part and abided by his verdict. From early in the game, however, a set was made against Mr. Meek. The behaviour of certain of the spectators was so disgraceful that Mr. Meek, under rule 8, would have been fully justified in stopping the game. The position before half-time was so hopeless that Mr. Meek appeared to reach the decision that the only thing to do was to let the game take its course with as few interruptions as possible. This gave offence to the supporters and players of each side and a "dog fight" would have been a mild affair compared to the manly the team received.

When half-time arrived, Mr. R. C. Witchell, Hon. Sec. V.R.C. and captain of the Club team, attempted to address the crowd. Before he had said five words, a

OUR POST OFFICE.

PLANS FOR BETTER ACCOMMODATION.

Vast alterations are being put in hand at the Post Office which, when completed, will give much-needed extra floor space to all departments. In an interview with the acting Postmaster General, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, a *China Mail* representative learned details of the new scheme.

The alterations are being taken in hand to allow of the entire ground and first floor being occupied by postal departments.

The Treasury and Audit Offices are being removed to the second floor to accomplish this.

The change necessitates the cutting away of numerous walls and joists, necessitating the erection on the ground floor of massive struts to take the extra strain for the time being.

"The extra increase of postal business here during the last ten years more than corresponds with the growth of the Colony," said Mr. Lindsell, "and we are terribly cramped for space."

When the alterations are complete, all parcels will be dealt with on the first floor. The ground floor will remain practically as it is, and only "ordinary mail matter" will be dealt with on this floor.

A LONG JOB. The work will probably take at least a year. Alterations are starting from the second floor, which is already vacant except for one or two minor offices, the Sanitary Board having moved to the third floor. The second floor is being prepared to accommodate the new Treasury and Audit Offices, so that the postal authorities will be the last to come into their new quarters.

CANADIAN STEAMSHIPS.

A SAILOR HERO.

While off the port of Glasgow, and engaged in boat drill as required by Board of Trade regulations, George Davidson, A.B., lost his balance and fell overboard from Canadian Pacific s.s. "Mirabara." Thomas Bruin, the boatswain, though encumbered by his boots and heavy clothing, at once jumped into the sea and reached the drowning man as he came up for the second time.

This is the second time. Thomas Bruin has gone overboard in order to save life. Last summer, while his ship was at Montreal, one of the seamen fell overboard in somewhat the same manner. Unfortunately in falling he had struck his head and did not rise immediately, and though the boatswain dived for him he was unable to locate him. Later on, the body was found and interred at Montreal.

lady in the audience so far forgot herself as to push the speaker into the bath. Eventually Mr. Witchell was given a partial hearing, but his appeal to the crowd to abide by the decisions of the referee and show him "the respect to which his gray hairs entitled him," fell on deaf ears.

The whole affair has created a lot of unnecessary ill-feeling which might easily have been prevented by a little tact. For instance: (1) The V.R.C. were ill-advised to play Mr. Brodie in view of the fact that he has taken no part in the league games this season. The mere fact of his Shanghai reputation as an expert at the game, gave grounds for the accusation that he was being "rung in."

(2) The choice of a firm official referee was essential. The V.R.C. refusal to accept Mr. G. T. May as a referee was an ungracious and unsportsmanlike action. I am disclosing no state secrets when I write that the objection to Mr. May was that in the previous match he had allowed a goal against the V.R.C. which in the opinion of certain people was not a goal. For the match in question Mr. Finch was originally on the list to referee. He appears to have got into the V.R.C. water polo players' black books for ordering two V.R.C. players out of the bath in a previous match. Mr. May offered by his decision over a disputed goal. Result: the choice of a referee not on the official list, a spoilt game—pandemonium.

Nothing I have written above implies that the referee's decisions or lack of them affected the result. Nor does it excuse the disgraceful behaviour of certain of the spectators.

The lesson to be learned from last night is that comparative silence should be insisted upon while the game is in progress as is the custom during boxing contests. The Hongkong Water Polo Association Management, it is to be hoped, as next season will draw up rules as to qualifications, rules as to teams, not being "on time," rules of the game to suit local conditions, and insist upon their being carried out.

POLICE RETIREMENT.

INSPECTOR CAYGILL.

By the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua," leaving on October 5, the Hongkong Police will lose another of its senior members in the person of Divisional Inspector Joseph William George Caygill who proceeds Home on well-earned pension. Inspector Caygill has not been in the best of health lately and was in hospital for some time.

His many friends hope that he will be his usual self on his return to the Old Country.

Inspector Caygill came out in March 1900 when about forty European recruits joined the Force from Home. This batch was known locally in Police circles as the "Forty Thieves." Most of them have retired but three are still in the service, viz. Detective Inspector Appleton attached to the S.C.A., Divisional Inspector Aris at Wanchai and Inspector Blackman, who is on leave.

Inspector Caygill was at Central before being transferred to West Point as Divisional Inspector.

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FROM NORTH CHINA.

Oct. 2.—J.C.J.L. Tjisondari.

FROM BANGKOK.

Oct. 13.—E.A. Baika.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Sept. 29.—U.S.S.B. West Cactus.

FROM MANILA.

Sept. 29.—U.S.S.B. West Cactus.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Oct. 8.—E. & A. St. Albans.

Nov. 5.—E. & A. St. Albans.

Dec. 10.—E. & A. St. Albans.

Jan. 7.—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM JAPAN.

Sept. 29.—J.C.J.L. Tjisondari.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Oct. 4.—B. I. Tiflis.

4.—B. I. Tiflis.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Oct. 3.—B. F. Tyndarus.

25.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Nov. 25.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Dec. 13.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Feb. 27.—B. F. Tyndarus.

FROM PORTLAND.

Sept. 29.—U.S.S.B. Wawona.

Oct. 17.—U.S.S.B. Montague.

FROM LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Oct. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Carmona.

FROM SEATTLE.

Oct. 9.—A.O.L. Pros. Jackson.

3.—B. F. Tyndarus.

18.—A.O.L. Pros. Jackson.

Nov. 22.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Dec. 13.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Feb. 27.—B. F. Tyndarus.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Oct. 5.—H.A.L. Havelland.

10.—H.A.L. Havelland.

15.—H.A.L. Havelland.

20.—H.A.L. Havelland.

25.—H.A.L. Havelland.

30.—H.A.L. Havelland.

Nov. 5.—H.A.L. Havelland.

10.—H.A.L. Havelland.

15.—H.A.L. Havelland.

20.—H.A.L. Havelland.

25.—H.A.L. Havelland.

30.—H.A.L. Havelland.

FROM LONDON.

Sept. 29.—P. & O. Kalyan.

Oct. 6.—P. & O. Kalyan.

12.—P. & O. Kalyan.

18.—P. & O. Kalyan.

24.—P. & O. Kalyan.

30.—P. & O. Kalyan.

Nov. 6.—P. & O. Kalyan.

12.—P. & O. Kalyan.

18.—P. & O. Kalyan.

24.—P. & O. Kalyan.

30.—P. & O. Kalyan.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Sept. 27.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Oct. 4.—B. F. Tyndarus.

11.—B. F. Tyndarus.

18.—B. F. Tyndarus.

25.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Nov. 1.—B. F. Tyndarus.

8.—B. F. Tyndarus.

15.—B. F. Tyndarus.

22.—B. F. Tyndarus.

29.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Oct. 6.—B. F. Tyndarus.

13.—B. F. Tyndarus.

20.—B. F. Tyndarus.

27.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Nov. 4.—B. F. Tyndarus.

11.—B. F. Tyndarus.

18.—B. F. Tyndarus.

25.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Dec. 2.—B. F. Tyndarus.

9.—B. F. Tyndarus.

16.—B. F. Tyndarus.

23.—B. F. Tyndarus.

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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th Oct. Mthnight	B'way, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"SOUDAN"	6,606	17th Oct. 12th night	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay.
"KARMAIA"	9,063	19th Oct. 12th night	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"CALEDONIA"	7,032	2nd Nov. 12th night	B'way, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"NELORE"	8,853	6th Nov. 12th night	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"SICILIA"	8,813	14th Nov. 12th night	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,911	14th Nov. 12th night	Marseilles, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"NANZA"	7,033	24th Nov. 12th night	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"KALYAN"	9,061	30th Nov. 12th night	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay.
"SOUDAN"	6,606	13th Dec. 12th night	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"DEVANIA"	8,892	14th Dec. 12th night	B'way, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	26th Dec. 12th night	B'way, M'les, Gib. L'don & A'worp.

1924

"KHYA"	9,097	11th Jan.	Marseilles, London & A'worp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,480	5th Jan.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	18th Feb.	do.
"MOIRA"	10,911	22nd Feb.	do.
"KARNATA"	9,068	7th Mar.	do.
"NALDERA"	15,978	21st Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,897	4th Apr.	do.
"CHINA"	7,051	18th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,061	2nd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,869	16th May	do.

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"TAKADA"	6,840	8th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TORILLA"	5,275	29th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,870	3rd Nov.	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Dec.	do.

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"GRACIOUS"	3,700	27th Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,606	at 11 a.m. 2nd Oct.	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,911	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,205	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	9th Oct.	Moji and Kobe.

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Chen Chung-chang c/o Chong-tung Bank 214 Queen's Road Central, from Shanghai.

N. LUND, Agent, Hongkong, 20th September, 1923.

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Mrs. Weddell Care Mackinnon, from Sydney.

R. M. MACALPINE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 20th September, 1923.

SHIPPING.

NEW P. AND O. LINERS.

THREE 15,000-TONNERS.

Following the announcement on May 3rd last to the effect that Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., had received an order from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for three large passenger liners, the Blue Peter states that the three newly projected 15,000-ton mail steamers of the Naldera-Kaisar-i-Hind type are to be called Rajputana, Rawalpindi and Rumpur respectively, while Razmak has been chosen for the name of the new express steamer of 10,000 tons. All four vessels are intended for the Indian Mail Service.

Rajputana has a romantic history and is a part of India embracing 18 native States covering a total area of about 172,501 square miles, with a population of about 10,000,000.

Rawalpindi gives its name to a district and a division in the Punjab. It is the largest military station on the North-West Frontier and is the key to the British system of defence in that area. The town is protected by a strong chain of forts connected by the circular road and is the headquarters of one of the divisions of the Northern Army.

Rumpur is small station on the Dholpur Bari Railway in Rajputana. Razmak is a frontier post on the new system of roads about the Afghan border.

NEW BRITISH INDIA STEAMERS.

Among steamers under construction for the British India Steam Navigation Company are three 8,000-ton vessels, which will be employed in the important passenger and cargo service which that company maintains between Calcutta, the Straits, China and Japan.

These ships will burn oil fuel; will have a sea speed of 16 knots; and will carry 60 first and 50 second-class passengers. A distinctive feature will be that these vessels will have three funnels.

Like all British India steamers, they will be specially well fitted for the handling and stowage of the valuable cargoes for which the trade is conspicuous.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE.

KEENER COMPETITION AND DECLINING TRADE.

In their annual report for 1922 the directors of the Java-China-Japan Line, at Amsterdam, say:-
The keen competition by Japanese and United States tonnage, and later also by Chinese ships, increased even further in 1922, and the freights continued to decline on all routes. The business of the company suffered severely by the strike of seamen at Hongkong which broke out in January last year and lasted seven weeks. Passenger trade also diminished considerably.

Trade on the Java-Pacific Line declined further, and the ships in this service had to sail with a considerable dead freight. The large decline in the trade from the Netherlands East Indies to the West Coast of America is chiefly due to the entire stoppage of exports of copra, sugar, hemp, copra oil and dry sugar. Compensation was to a certain degree found in the increased shipments of sugar and oil from the Philippines to the West Coast of America. It was, however, decided to reduce the number of sailings in 1923, and the service is now carried out by four steamers, the sailings being monthly.

The sites at Tandjong Priok were nearly completed at the end of last year. The services of the United Netherlands Shipping Co. are developing satisfactorily, and the loss is considerably less than in the previous year. A definite decision relative to the completion of the steamer "Tijdsara" has not yet been taken. The steamer "Tijdsara" was completed in October, 1922, but was laid up until January, 1923, when employment was found for her outside the ordinary trade of the company. The steamer "Tijdsara" remained on time charter to the United Netherlands Shipping Company throughout the whole year.

As the building programme has been practically completed, the name of the reserve fund for new tonnage was altered to reserve for depreciation and renewal, and the repair fund was renamed repair and survey fund.

After allowing for taxes, the balance of the miscellaneous reserve amounts to 5,090,910 guilders, and the directors propose to write off loss on last year's trading.

Dividend will be paid, and a balance of 4,162 guilders carried forward.

PORT OF LAGOS.

The entrance works Iddo Coal Wharf, and Apapa Wharfage have been designed for the Government of Nigeria by Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilton and Mitchell of 9, Victoria-street, Westminster, the successors of Messrs. Coode, Son & Matthews, the two former

works being constructed departmentally under their technical supervision. A contract was let by the Crown Agents for the Colonies in the middle of 1921 to Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co. for the construction of the Apapa Wharfage, and this work should be completed towards the end of next year.—Engineering

KITE BALLOONS FOR SHIPS BOATS.

The desirability of equipping ships' boats, or a proportion of them, with wireless has been only too plainly shown by the disaster to the "Trevesa" and her boats. The survivors of this ill-fated ship would have had a reasonable chance of location had they had any means of communicating independently of the sunken parent ship. Many of the larger steamship companies have for some years fitted wireless to some of the lifeboats; the importance of such equipment is now all the more realised.

The suggestion I wish to put forward—and one which might deserve the attention and approval of the Board of Trade—is that ships' boats might be equipped with a small kite balloon capable of reaching an altitude of some 200 ft., the flying wire or captive wire of the balloon being the aerial for wireless from an open boat at sea. The small balloon would be folded or rolled up and stowed away, occupying no more space than a suit of oilskins. The weight complete with 200 ft. of flying wire would be about 8 lb. Charging the balloon with gas is a simple operation and occupying little time, a cylinder or bottle of compressed hydrogen, or the non-inflammable helium gas, being used. The outfit is both compact, light and simple of operation. It would have distinct advantages over masts for wireless, which are liable to be smashed in a heavy sea, and the great advantage of a high altitude and consequent increased range for transmitting, the balloon itself attracting attention in the vicinity.

A balloon of 22 ft. by 4 ft. maximum diameter would be able to rise to 200 ft. At that altitude it is in equilibrium, i.e., the weight of wire lifted and the weight of the balloon itself exactly equals the lift of gas, so that it is practically a body independent of surface oscillations and conditions on the boat. Kite balloons have ridden out a gale of 70 miles an hour to 80 miles an hour. The flying wire or aerial would be wound on a small drum in a position at the lifeboat's stern, the balloon itself, upon inflation, paying off the wire as it rose.

The French air service use a small gas bottle of about 8 in. diameter by 6 ft. 8 in. long for charging lighter-than-air craft, the one charge being 215 cub. ft. The balloon for ships' boats would have a capacity of about 110 cub. ft. and could be conveniently charged from a bottle 3 ft. long and 9 in. diameter, the bottle or cylinder being slung under one of the thwarts of the boat. The envelope of the balloon would be made of either oiled silk or of cotton material gasproofed, and weighing about 5 lb., compactly stowed in a locker provided. A kite balloon is distinct from an ordinary spherical balloon. The latter cannot be flown with any stability in winds much above 20 m.p.h., and moreover, the drag is so excessive as to give little or no increase of altitude as the captive wire is paid out. With the kite balloon we have a streamlined body (a cone reducing drag) and a shape having an angle of incidence to the wind so that it makes use of a dynamic lift under the envelope, assisting its own gas-lifting effort by kiting. The balloon is required to fly with its nose to the wind, and in order to obtain this condition the balloon is fitted with a rudder. This prevents spinning, as would be the case of a spherical balloon in a captive state. Two lateral rudders are also fitted at the stern. These prevent pitching and rolling. The three rudders together are therefore a means of stabilising the balloon.

Independent of wireless, a balloon might be of use for flag signalling only. A distress signal flown at a high altitude would be observed at a great distance. The morale to lifeboats in an open sea would be considerably improved by the fact that their chances of encounter would be considerably greater with the knowledge that their plight can be communicated from eyes, as it were, in the air some 200 ft. above the sea. It might be mentioned that one of the largest steamship lines is already interested in the proposition. (A correspondent in Engineering.)

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CONSIGNEES

A. O. LINE "CHANGSHA"

S.S. VOY. 53 N.

STRANDED S. E. OF SANDAKAN 20/9/23.

CONSIGNEES of cargo ex above steamer are hereby notified that a General Average has been declared in respect of the above voyage of this steamer and that they will be required to pay a deposit of 60% on the C.F.I. and E. value of their cargo and to sign an Average Bond at the Offices of the Undersigned before delivery can be granted.

Salved cargo is expected to arrive at Hongkong per s.s. "Nanchang" due about 6th October.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE (John Swire & Sons, Ltd.) AGENTS, AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE. Hongkong, 24th September, 1923.

SWEET-FACED FIEND

WOMAN WHO TORTURED HUSBAND TO DEATH.

The trial of Frau Brandell, widow of an eminent doctor, for slowly torturing her husband to death has just taken place at Munich.

Frau Brandell is an elderly woman with a sweet face, and when the prosecutor declared that such a "female cad" had seldom appeared in the dock the statement appeared monstrous.

Nevertheless one witness after another testified to the woman's brutal treatment of her husband, being used. The outfit is both compact, light and simple of operation. It would have distinct advantages over masts for wireless, which are liable to be smashed in a heavy sea, and the great advantage of a high altitude and consequent increased range for transmitting, the balloon itself attracting attention in the vicinity.

The court sent the woman to prison for 18 months.

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Quarter hour, 20 "
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One hour, 30 "
Every subsequent hour, 30 "

III.—In the New Territories.
By arrangement with the proprietors through the Police.

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1.—Lower Levels.	
With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers	
Ten minutes, 10 cents 20 cents	
Quarter hour, 15 " 30 "	
Half hour, 20 " 40 "	
One hour, 25 " 50 "	
Every subsequent hour, 25 " 40 "	

II.—H.K. District.	
With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers	
Ten minutes, 15 cents 30 cents	
Quarter hour, 20 " 40 "	
Half hour, 25 " 50 "	
One hour, 30 " 60 "	
Every subsequent hour, 30 " 60 "	

III.—In the New Territories.	
By arrangement with the proprietors through the Police.	

hour	25 "
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DESTINATION	STEAMER	SAILING.
Tientsin via Swatow & Shanghai	YATSIUNG	Wed, 26th Sept., Noon
Kobe via Amoy & Shanghai	HOSANG	Fri, 28th Sept., 8 night
SANDAKAN	MAU-SANG	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon
SHANGHAI via Swatow	TUNOSHING	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon
Manila	MING-SANG	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon
Tientsin via Ceylon	CHEONG-SHING	Sat, 29th Sept., 3 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	KWANG-SANG	Tues, 2nd Oct., Noon
Tientsin via Swatow & Shanghai	TAI-SANG	Wed, 3rd Oct., 10 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy	LEI-SANG	Thurs, 4th Oct., Noon
Haitong via Hongkong	CHUNG-SANG	Fri, 5th Oct., 8 a.m.
Dangkok via Swatow	WAI-SHING	Fri, 5th Oct., Noon
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon, 18th Oct., 3 p.m.

Calcutta Line.—This line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore returning from Calcutta at intervals of 10 days. All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with wireless and carry a fully qualified surgeon. Through tickets can be obtained and through bills of lading issued to all Northern and Southern ports. Freight rates are fixed by the Government of India. A weekly service is maintained with Amoy by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Friday.

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MORE CANTON TROUBLE.

CARGO BROKERS STRIKE.

SHIPPING HELD UP.

The business who clear cargo in Canton have ceased operations as a protest against the demand of Major Sun for that they should contribute \$100,000 to the revenue. The cargo who load and discharge cargo have also struck and the licensed customs lighter are idle. In consequence not an ounce of cargo can be shifted and many vessels, including the "Fath-shan" are ported. According to Hongkong, with the cargoes they took up. This means that food supplies will be coming down from Canton and until a settlement is effected the river steamers will only be able to carry passengers.

FRIENDSHIPS.

Over nothing waves of life we ride,
Through turbulence of youth;
To moulder a Friendship tide
Supplied by age's torments.

For would that mortals were as we,
Through other kindly souls;
Will dip the flag and pass at sea,
Then heart may find the tolls.

These ship we sight off take us home,
To friends who have long passed;
With grateful waves as we roam,
From friendships that will last.

Our friendships meaning all when high,
And more through years apart;
Of those in years when youth was high,
Or of our childhood's heart.

And down the high years of life we show,
To do each mental task;
Dimmed by sorrows or success,
In Friendship's Light we look.

The Light which follows all the sun,
Of friends to love and hold;
Whose living rays can Time beguile,
As Friendship grows when old.

JOHN KYOTO.

DRY BY 1930.

AMERICAN BISHOP'S PROPHET FOR ENGLAND.

An American who declares that the force of economic circumstances will make England dry by 1930 is paying a flying visit to London. He is Bishop James Cannon, of the Methodist Church of America, and he is

Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World League Against Alcoholism. A delegate to the International Congress Against Alcoholism at Copenhagen.

He was busy at the headquarters of Mr. "Fuss-vill" Johnson in Fleet Street, but asserted that the League which controls the office had no fresh plans for making England dry.

"We are certainly not fanatics with any particular slogan, but level-headed Americans. Opportunists if you like. I shall pay a flying visit to Scotland and address meetings there."

"We do not want to tell England what she should do. She is our mother and, as dutiful children, we are prepared to give her the benefit of our experience and say that prohibition is a good thing. We have proved it."

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. ss. "Famha Maru" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, and London left for this port via Straits Ports and Manila on Aug. 26 and may be expected to arrive here on Sept. 29.

The B. L. ss. "Bromwich" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, and London left for this port via Straits Ports and Manila on Aug. 26 and may be expected to arrive here on Sept. 29.

The B. L. ss. "Sofala" from London left for this port on Sept. 19 with the outward-bound mail, and is due here on Oct. 1.

KOWLOON F. C.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Cock, supported by Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell, Honorary Secretary, the annual meeting of the Kowloon Football Club was held at St. Andrew's Hall last evening.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Mr. E. Cock; Chairman, Capt. F. Wheeler; hon. sec., Mr. F. Wheeler; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Wright.

The general committee was elected as follows: Mr. G. Walker, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. G. Duncan senr., Mr. A. W. Brown, and Mr. J. H. Donithorne. Various sub-committees were also appointed, the selection committee consisting of Mr. F. Wright, Mr. R. A. Ramsey and Mr. R. Hall.

Mr. McKelvie was elected captain of the first team, with Mr. Morrison as vice captain, while Mr. Morton was elected captain of the second team with Mr. V. Hast as vice.

The chairman said they entered the year forward to a successful year. He believed they would be satisfied with the result of the coming year's working, but everything depended on the co-operation of all members of the club. He thought they had better chances than last year and that their opening prospects were better. He would ask the players not to be discouraged but to make up their minds to play their best and play the game all the time.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the accounts. These showed a small balance in hand as a result of last year's working, but by the time the payment of the new pavilion was completed there would be no balance. They wanted money, the Chairman said, to put the club in a strong financial position. He went on to refer to a congratulatory way of Mr. G. Duncan's part in the building of the new pavilion and spoke of it as one of the best in the Colony. He hoped the time would come when the K.F.C. would possess the premier team in the Colony.

The accounts were accepted and passed.

Capt. F. Wheeler in a short speech thanked the outgoing committee for what they had done. He said he desired to be associated with the Chairman in his thanks to Mr. Duncan. Regarding the President, he said the Club had in him a man of ability and a generous man and in possessing him as their president the club had "fallen on its feet."

He wished the team success and said there was no reason that it should not become the premier club in the Colony. They had youth on their side, good players and a good ground.

SEASON'S COMMENCEMENT.

Already the K.F.C. have started their season's programme and in three matches have been successful. They have a good list of registered players to draw upon and could, if necessary, find enough men for as many as three teams. Their ground is in good condition and they have now a new and commodious pavilion. There is every prospect of a very successful season before them.

WORLD THEATRE.

MOUNT ETNA'S ERUPTION.

As previously announced this thrilling and dramatic film which has risked the lives of the Pathé cameraman and his assistant in their attempt to film in close-ups, is now screening at the World Theatre. The scenes are stupendous, and the work of nature very wonderfully to be admired. In subduing the awful impression, after viewing such a terrible eruption of nature's work, a very fine romantic picture will follow, and that is another of famous Tarkington's work "Alice Adams" adapted for the screen, directed by Rowland V. Lee, and interpreted by a splendid cast; it is a lovely story of everyday folks, but it grips because it is presented artistically and intelligently. It will make a deep impression upon those who want the best in screen entertainment, and it deserves unstinted praise. Miss Vidor has a perfect understanding of the role of Alice and gives the splendid performance one always expects of her. The rest of the cast are wonderful portraits of the original characters.

In the absence of Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, Director of Public Works, presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. There were present Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin, S. W. Tso, and D. Davies (Acting Secretary). The authorisation of Sanitary Inspectors Morgan and Elliott to enter premises and inspect and seize unwholesome food in accordance with the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, was confirmed. Formal approval was given of a number of applications for the erection of water closets and latrines, including one from the Takoo Sugar Refinery.

HOME CRICKET AVERAGE.

HENDRENS 3,000 RUNS.

YORKSHIRE'S BOWLING STRENGTH.

LONDON, September 25. The final averages for the cricket season are as follows: [BATTING.]

Player	Runs	Average
Headren (Middlesex)	2,010	77.17
Mead (Hampshire)	2,604	59.18
Challenor (West Indies)	1,556	51.86
Mikepiece (Lancashire)	2,310	49.14
Hearne (Middlesex)	1,519	47.46
L. G. Crawley (Cantab)	801	41.50
Payton (Notts)	1,570	43.61
Hollows (Lancashire)	1,438	43.57
J. L. Bryan (Kent)	1,400	42.72
Sandham (Surrey)	1,894	41.17
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire)	2,220	41.11
Woolley (Kent)	2,001	41.00
Hobbs of Surrey was sixteenth with 2,087 runs and an average of 37.94.		

BOWLING.

Player	Wickets	Average
Rhodes (Yorkshire)	134	11.54
Kilner (R.) (Yorkshire)	158	12.91
Maculay (Yorkshire)	106	13.83
Tate (Sussex)	219	13.97
Matthews (Notts)	115	15.30
J. C. White (Somerset)	148	15.50
Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs)	140	15.52
Francis (West Indies)	82	15.58
Robinson (Yorkshire)	96	15.61
Horsley	65	16.17
Bestwick (Derbyshire)	91	16.29
R. H. Battington (Oxon)	61	16.55

—Reuter.

NEWS FROM JAPAN.

ANOTHER STORM IN CAPITAL.

Tokyo, September 25. The stricken areas in Tokyo and Yokohama were again storm-beaten last night, especially the low-lying districts of the capital being flooded, which greatly distressed the refugees in their temporary shelters.

The Cabinet are drawing up the plans for and personnel of the Capital Reconstruction Executive Board under the presidency of Viscount Goto, to carry out the recommendations of the Reconstruction Commission, and to take over the work of re-planning and re-building the capital.

INSURANCE CLAIMS.

OSAKA, September 25. The directors of the fire insurance companies in this district, who hitherto have adopted a firm attitude on the insurance question, and who declined the proposals of a conference at Tokyo, have at last accepted an invitation to discuss the payment of claims with the Government representatives. —Reuter.

IMPERIAL ECONOMICS.

COLONIAL REPRESENTATIVES CONSULT.

LONDON, September 25. There have been discussions during the past week between Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, M. P. and members of the associations representing the main groups of the Colonies. It has been arranged that the representatives will keep in touch throughout the Conference on Imperial Economics. This is the first time a liaison of all the groups has been attempted. —Reuter.

OVERLADEN.

"MYLIE" INQUIRY VERDICT.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS MADE.

SHANGHAI, September 26. The naval enquiry into the loss of the Moller Steamer, "Mylie" in the recent typhoon found that the steamer was overladen above the summer loadline, rendering her unseaworthy during the typhoon season. The Court draws the attention of the Board of Trade to the advisability of reducing the maximum loadline for vessels employed on the China coast during the typhoon season to the winter mark, especially in consideration of the vast open estuary of the Yangtze where the water is semi-fresh and less buoyant than seawater. The Court also urges the compulsory installing of wireless on seagoing British ships registered in Shanghai, similarly to those registered in the United Kingdom. —Reuter.

A Reuter message states that it is now practically decided that Steve Donoghue will ride Papyrus when he meets America's best three-year old next month. The race is for £20,000, of which the loser will receive £5,000.

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KOWLOON HOTEL.

"RATHER SERIOUS" CASE.

Allowing the Kowloon Hotel to be used as a domestic tenement and a hotel without previously receiving a permit from the Public Works Department was the charge in a summons taken out against Lai Tin-wai, manager of the Tung Wah contractors, owners of the hotel building, Mr. C. D. McNamee hearing the case this morning.

Asked to plead, defendant said that he had applied for a permit in July and had been told by his architect, Mr. J. C. Clark, that the place could be used, as verbal permission had been given by the authorities. Since the summons had been taken out he had again seen the architect who told him that a few small alterations were necessary.

Mr. R. S. Vergette of the P.W.D. denied that verbal permission had been given. He described the case as "rather serious" on account of the high value of the property and added that he was instructed to ask for the maximum penalty of \$200 which was only a very small percentage of the monthly rates. If defendant had applied, said Mr. Vergette, his application would have been sent to the Treasury for assessment and the permit would have been issued. At present certain fire precautions were necessary, minor work principally, but very necessary.

At this stage His Worship remarked that Hongkong architects seemed to be very busy at present to which Mr. Vergette replied "Yes, so are we."

Mr. Vergette applied for an order that the work as required by the Building Authority be completed in a reasonable time, say one month. Addressing the defendant His Worship said it was a very serious offence and that the P.W.D. could make an application for all the tenants to be moved out. He had no excuse and would be fined \$100, the work to be completed within a month.

THEATRE ROYAL.

IRISH SUCCESS.

"Paddy, the Next Best Thing", entertained a big audience at the Theatre last night by reason of its sentiment, its cleanliness, and its more or less human and humorous situations. It is a play written around a character, and according to the interpretation given to that character, stands or falls. Miss Nina Lewis as Paddy was essentially lovable and invested the part with naturalness. She had the audience with her in all her escapades, all her wilfulness, and all the generosity of feeling which makes the character most human. Her acting was the feature in the evening and in the second act where a certain amount of emotion is called for when she comes across the dead body of her father, she displayed artistry of a very convincing character. The audience was moved to a spontaneous and generous display of appreciation at the close of this act, in which Beresford Lovett merits a word of praise. The concluding act, part of which shows the interior of a first-class railway carriage, was not merely a sample of good acting as it was a triumph of stage management. All concerned are worthy the good things that come to the pen in thinking of this play. Miss Enid Sass, Guy Buckley and Forbes Russell in particular had a lot to do and did it well. Norman Thompson in a small part showed that he is capable of bigger things. "Tonight's Secrets" is to be given and there should be another big house.

JAPAN RELIEF.

LOCAL EFFORTS.

With reference to the article which appeared in yesterday's issue of the *China Mail* giving a synopsis of the work of the local Committee, Mr. D. K. Blair, Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, courteously informs us that in addition to the 100 tents dispatched to Japan by the "Hiran Maru" no fewer than 10,000 blankets were also dispatched to the devastated areas for the use of distressed Japanese. This is not all. In addition, 1,000 blankets were sent to Kobe for the use of Chinese sufferers. These are remarkable examples of the splendid work being done by the local Relief Committee.

THIEF SENTENCED.

Miss Marion Thomas, of No. 39, Haiphong Road was the complainant in a case before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when a Chinese of no fixed abode was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the theft of a quantity of jewellery and \$8, the property of Miss Thomas. Defendant was caught in the premises almost red-handed. He had opened the door of the room with a duplicate key and hidden the loot in the bathroom when he was discovered.

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Here is a recent photograph of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge wife of the new President of the United States.



Thousands of mourners, those who loved Warren G. Harding for his kindness, watched the progress of the funeral train as it passed through Chicago on its way eastward. The crowds, in which children predominated, hampered the progress of the train, which was hurrying to keep to schedule. Mrs. Harding asked that the train's progress be retarded: "We—Warren and I—love, or have always loved, children so."



The scraping of barnacles from the bottom of ships, after they are placed in drydocks, has always been a laborious job, done by hand by hundreds of workers. Now a Mr. Wright, of London, has perfected an electrically-driven device which has been used very successfully for this work. The above photograph shows a worker, his eyes protected by goggles, using the new machine.



The pumproom of the South Suburban Gas works, Lower Sydenham, London, has been fitted as a clinic for whooping cough sufferers. There is a pilgrimage of mothers there daily, taking their suffering children into the room to breathe in the fumes from the crude liquor beneath the pump-room. These fumes have been found excellent as a cure for the malady.



Here is the latest portrait of Princess Marie Marguerite Fahmy, beautiful French woman, wife of the late Prince Ali Kamel Fahmy Bey, of Egypt, who must stand trial in London for the murder of her husband, whom she shot to death during a quarrel in their apartments in the Hotel Savoy, in London.



A mammoth wreath of the late President Harding's favourite flower, the rose, together with stately lilies and fragrant lilies of the valley, formed Chicago's tribute to the dead leader. Bearing a white ribbon with the gold letters "Chicago's Sympathy," it was laid on the casket as the funeral train passed through the city where in 1920 Harding was nominated for the presidency.



This remarkable photograph of the late President Harding, the last taken before his serious illness in San Francisco, showed plainly the fatigue the Chief Magistrate was suffering as a result of his long tour and speech making.



Pretty Mrs. Ursula Hooper Johnson, society woman, was given a divorce from Major C. Chouteau Johnson, war hero, of the Lafayette Escadrille, composed of American aviators serving in the French army, because he drank too much, according to the story she told in court. He is a member of a prominent New York family. She was awarded the custody of their baby daughter, all their household furniture and \$200 a month alimony.

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